



**Cleary Lake Veterinary Hospital**

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Stephanie Strength  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
USDA, Rural Utilities Service  
Engineering and Environmental Staff  
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Stop 1571  
Washington, DC 20250-1571

Re: CapX2020

Dear Ms. Strength,

I wish to state my strong opposition to the proposed CapX2020 transmission lines proposed on 50<sup>th</sup> Street West and 57<sup>th</sup> Street West in Webster, Minnesota. This line will run next to my property, where I have over \$100,000 worth of top show horses and breeding stock on my farm. I raise several foals per year and believe the power line will be a danger to my horses. In addition, the high voltage lines with their magnetic fields of constant humming and cracking from the overhead transmission will devalue my property. Although, on a map it may look like the proposed line is running by vacant fields, it is not because, as stated above, I have top show horses and breeding stock in those fields, and the proposed lines will be detrimental to them.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter, and I ask that you find an alternate route that will have less impact on my property.

Sincerely,

Kathryn M. Ott, D.V.M.

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This federal scoping process is specific to only the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-kV project. As such, we have forwarded your comments to the project team dealing with the project with which you have raised concerns.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.